

**WHY DO SENIORS NEED  
THE PROTECTION OF  
DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS?**

Because of a Social Security “marriage penalty,” many seniors would lose hard-earned health care, military or pension benefits if they re-marry, or have to pay higher taxes on their Social Security benefits.

Approving **REFERENDUM 74** allows any seniors age 62 or older to have a domestic partnership if marrying would cause them to lose their retirement or other benefits.

**WHY VOTE  
“APPROVE”?**

For referenda, voters are asked if they ‘approve’ the law that was passed or if they ‘reject’ it.

By voting to **APPROVE REFERENDUM 74**, you will vote to preserve domestic partnerships for seniors, and ensure that all loving and committed couples have the freedom to marry.

**Sample Ballot**

**STATE OF WASHINGTON**

**Referendum 74**

The legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6239 concerning marriage for same-sex couples, modified domestic-partnership law, and religious freedom, and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on this bill. This bill would allow ~~same-sex couples to marry,~~ preserve domestic partnerships only for seniors, and preserve the ~~right of clergy or religious~~ organizations to refuse to perform, recognize, or accommodate any marriage ceremony. Should this bill be:



**APPROVED**



**REJECTED**